

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/924,718

Examiner

Courtney Thomas

Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 4/14/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-28 and 30-32.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 9/22/03 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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of Biological Material | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>See Continuation Sheet</u> . |

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-28 and 30-32 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
3. **As per claim 1 and dependent claims 12-20**, the examiner found no reference in the prior art that disclosed or made obvious an apparatus comprising a sensor and a bundle of optical fibers wherein: first and second end planes of the fiber bundle intersect at an intersection line; an orthogonal plane is defined orthogonal to a fiber direction of the bundle of optical fibers and the orthogonal plane intersects the intersection line at only one point as recited in independent claim 1.
4. **As per claim 2 and dependent claims 3-8**, the examiner found no reference in the prior art that disclosed or made obvious an apparatus comprising a sensor and a bundle of optical fibers wherein the optical fibers are capable of compressing and expanding an optical image into two image directions, whereby the second image is transverse to the first image direction as recited in independent claim 2.
5. **As per claim 9 and dependent claim 10**, the examiner found no reference in the prior art that disclosed or made obvious an apparatus comprising a sensor and a bundle of optical fibers wherein the first end plane intersects the second section plane at a first line; the second end plane intersects the second section plane at a second line and the first line is traverse to the second line, as recited in independent claim 9.
6. **As per claims 21 and 22 and dependent claims 23-28**, the examiner found no reference in the prior art that disclosed or made obvious an apparatus comprising a sensor and a bundle of

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optical fibers wherein the bundle of optical fibers are capable of morphing into two formats whereby shapes of the two formats are different as recited in independent claims 21 and 22.

7. **As per claim 30 and dependent claims 31-32**, the examiner found no reference in the prior art that disclosed or made obvious an apparatus comprising a scintillator, a sensor, and a bundle of optical fibers wherein the apparatus is capable of compression in a first image direction and expansion in a second image direction whereby the first image direction is transverse to the second image direction as recited in independent claim 30.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Courtney Thomas whose telephone number is (571) 272-2496. The examiner can normally be reached on M - F (9 am - 5 pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ed Glick can be reached on (571) 272 2490. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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